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USSR-AFGHANISTAN: Combat Activity. (U)

[REDACTED] A large Soviet-Afghan offensive was recently launched against insurgent positions in Paghman, north of Kabul.

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COMMENT: [REDACTED] The assault on insurgent positions in Paghman may have been prompted by the recent explosion of the ammunition dump west of Kabul and the Mujahedin's persistent attacks on the capital, including rocket attacks on embassy compounds. The regime has faced repeated failure in its efforts to present an image of being in control of the country, while the rebels continue to display a penchant for political awareness in taking the battle to the urban areas, particularly the capital, and doing so successfully. This latest effort was at least the third attempt this summer by the Soviets to control the Paghman area and was certainly the most extensive commitment of resources toward resolving the nagging threat of the Mujahedin in this area. [REDACTED]

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